

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-13, 15-30, and 35-36 were previously pending. Claims 15-20, 25-28, and 30 are canceled herein. Claims 1-13, 21-24, 29, and 35-36 are currently submitted for consideration herein.

**II. TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF JULY 24, 2006**

In accordance with the telephone conversation held with the Examiner on July 24, 2006, the amendments made herein should place the application in condition for allowance. All amendments and claim cancellations made herein are made without prejudice or disclaimer.

**III. CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance is requested.

If there are any issues the Examiner wishes to discuss with the Applicant, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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